

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel original claims 1-15 and please amend claims 16-19, and please add new claims 20-23 and 29 (claim numbers derived from the parent application as it was subsequently prosecuted in order to preserve consistency) and please renumber the remaining claims as 1-8, and 9 respectively.

1. (canceled): A tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel, comprising:

(a) a stabilizing plate;

(b) means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg of a tripod; and

(c) means for supporting at least one lens, said means for supporting including means for attaching said means for supporting to said stabilizing plate.

2. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 1 wherein said stabilizing plate is triangular in shape and is formed of a substantially rigid material.

3. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 2 wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate includes a slotted means provided at each apex of said stabilizing plate, and wherein said slotted means is adapted to secure a first end of a tripod leg bracket thereto, said tripod leg bracket including an opposite end that is attached to one of said each leg of a tripod.

4. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 1 wherein said means for attaching said means for supporting to said stabilizing plate includes means for adjusting a position of said means for supporting relative to said stabilizing plate.

5. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 1 including means for providing a post, said post including a first end and an opposite second end, and wherein said post is attached at a first end thereof to said stabilizing plate and wherein said second end includes an attachment to said means for supporting at least one lens.

6. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 5 wherein said means for providing a post includes

means for telescoping said post to a predetermined location relative to a longitudinal axis of said post and including means for securing said post at said predetermined location.

7. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 6, wherein said means for supporting at least one lens includes means for providing a carousel, said carousel adapted to pivot about said longitudinal axis of said post.

8. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 7 wherein said carousel is disposed above said stabilizing plate.

9. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 7 wherein said carousel is disposed below said stabilizing plate.

10. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 1 wherein said means for supporting at least one lens includes a light attached proximate to said means for supporting at least one lens and adapted to provide illumination for said means for supporting at least one lens.

11. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 10 including means for providing a post, said post including a first end and an opposite second end, and wherein said post is attached at a first end thereof to said stabilizing plate and wherein said second end includes an attachment to said means for supporting at least one lens and wherein said means for supporting at least one lens includes means for providing a carousel, said carousel adapted to pivot about said longitudinal axis of said post and wherein said light is disposed a predetermined distance above said carousel.

12. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 11 wherein said light is a battery powered light.

13. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 11 wherein said light is actuated by depressing a portion thereof in an upward direction.

14. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 1 wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg of a tripod includes an adjustment bar, said adjustment bar including a slot therein and wherein said adjustment bar is adapted for attachment to said stabilizing

plate at one end thereof and wherein said adjustment bar is adapted for attachment to one of said each leg of a tripod.

15. (canceled): The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 14 wherein said means for supporting at least one lens includes means for providing a carousel, said carousel adapted to pivot about a longitudinal axis passing through a plane of said stabilizing plate and perpendicular with respect to said plane, and wherein said carousel is disposed below said stabilizing plate.

16. (currently amended): ~~A tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel, comprising:~~

~~(a) a stabilizing plate, said stabilizing plate being substantially triangular in shape and formed of a substantially rigid material;~~

~~(b) means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg of a tripod; and~~

~~(c) wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate includes means for attaching a corner of said stabilizing plate to a member, said member being attached to one of said each leg of a tripod.~~

A tripod stabilizer, comprising:

(a) a stabilizing plate, said stabilizing plate being
formed of a substantially rigid material;

(b) means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg
of a tripod; and

(c) wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing
plate includes means for attaching a portion of said
stabilizing plate to a member, said member being attached
to one of said each leg of a tripod at a location that is
between a pair of opposite ends of said each leg, and
wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate
prevents pivoting intermediate said each leg and said
stabilizing plate and wherein said stabilizing plate and
said member are adapted to prevent said each leg from
being displaced either further away from or closer with
respect to any remaining leg of said legs and wherein no
portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a
surface upon which said tripod is placed.

17. (currently amended): ~~The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens
carousel of claim 16 including means for attaching a first end
of said member at a location that is disposed proximate the~~

~~center of said stabilizing plate, whereby said attachment of said member to said stabilizer plate at said center and at said corner is adapted to reduce a potential for wobble occurring in one of said each leg of a tripod.~~

The tripod stabilizer of claim 16 including means for attaching a first end of said member at a location that is disposed proximate the center of said stabilizing plate, whereby said attachment of said member to said stabilizer plate at said center and at said portion is adapted to reduce a potential for wobble occurring in one of said each leg of a tripod.

18. (currently amended): ~~A tripod stabilizer and lighted lens-carousel, comprising:~~

~~(a) a carousel, said carousel adapted to rotate about an axis and adapted to support an object placed thereon;~~

~~(b) means for attaching said carousel to a tripod, and~~

~~(c) wherein when said carousel is attached to said tripod, said carousel is disposed intermediate the legs of said tripod.~~

A tripod carousel, comprising:

(a) said carousel adapted to rotate about an axis and adapted to support an object placed thereon;

(b) means for attaching said carousel to a tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of each leg of said tripod, and

(c) wherein when said carousel is attached to said tripod, said carousel is entirely disposed below a top of said tripod and between the legs of said tripod.

19. (currently amended): ~~The tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel of claim 18 including means for providing a source of illumination, said source of illumination adapted to illuminate said object placed in said carousel.~~

The tripod carousel of claim 18 including means for providing a source of illumination, said source of illumination adapted to illuminate said object placed in said carousel.

20. (newly added): The tripod stabilizer of claim 16 wherein said stabilizing plate is substantially triangular in shape.

21. (newly added): The tripod stabilizer of claim 20 wherein said portion includes a corner portion of said stabilizing plate that is substantially triangular in shape.

22. (newly added): A tripod stabilizer, comprising:

(a) a stabilizing plate, said stabilizing plate being formed of a substantially rigid material; and

(b) said stabilizing plate having a plurality of ends, each said plurality of ends including an opening that is adapted for receiving a member therethrough and wherein said member is adapted for attachment to a leg of said tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of each leg of said tripod and wherein said stabilizing plate includes means adapted to prevent pivoting intermediate said each leg and said stabilizing plate and wherein said stabilizing plate is adapted to prevent said each leg from being displaced either further away from or closer with respect to any remaining leg of said legs and wherein no portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a surface upon which said tripod is placed.

23. (newly added): The tripod stabilizer of claim 22 wherein said plate is substantially triangular in shape.

29. (newly added): A tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel, comprising:

(a) a stabilizing plate;

(b) means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg of a tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of said each leg wherein no portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a surface upon which said tripod is placed;

(c) means for supporting at least one lens, said means for supporting including means for attaching said means for supporting to said stabilizing plate; and

(d) wherein said stabilizing plate is triangular in shape and is formed of a substantially rigid material and wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate includes a slotted means provided at each apex of said stabilizing plate, and wherein said slotted means is adapted to secure a first end of a tripod leg bracket

thereto, said tripod leg bracket including an opposite end
that is attached to one of said each leg of a tripod.